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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing below of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A loader for agricultural tractors equipped with hydraulically maneuverable, parallel lifting arms which are pivotally mounted at the rear part of the tractor together with a center attachment member carried by the tractor body between the lifting arms, said loader comprising: two parallel loader arms including means for attachment of the loader arms to respective tractor-mounted lifting arms to extend rearwardly relative to the tractor; a hydraulically extendable center rod including an inner end pivotally connected with the center attachment member of the tractor body at a point between the tractor-mounted lifting arms; wherein the extendable center rod extends outwardly from the center attachment member of the tractor body to an outer end at a working implement; wherein the center rod includes along its length a hydraulic piston-cylinder device, movement of the piston of which functions to change the length of the center rod and to thereby tilt the working implement; wherein outer ends of respective loader arms and an outer end of the center rod are connected to the working implement, whereby the working implement is lifted by the loader arms and is tilted by the hydraulically extendable center rod; wherein respective loader arms extend below respective lifting arms and abut an underside of a respective lifting arm; and wherein each of the loader arms is

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inclined upwardly in a region outwardly of and close to an outer end of a respective lifting arm.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): A loader according to Claim 1, wherein respective loader arm outer ends and the outer end of the center rod include attachment means for attachment to a working implement.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A loader according to Claim 3, wherein the inclination of the loader arms relative to the lifter arms is adjustable.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A loader according to Claim 3, wherein the connecting means included at the outer ends of respective loader arms include a pivot adapted to pivotally support the working implement; and wherein at the outer end of the center rod is a pivot joint adapted for pivotal connection to the working implement.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (previously presented): A loader according to Claim 1, including spaced attachment points at the outer end of the center rod for co-action with one of an attachment arm and the working implement, wherein the attachment

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points are spaced at mutually different distances from the inner end of said center rod.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A loader according to Claim 1, wherein inner ends of respective loader arms are secured to a respective lifting arm by means of one of cotter pins and split pins; ~~and wherein respective loader arms extend below respective lifting arms and abut an underside of a respective lifting arm.~~